AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed the Advisory Action mailed on January 5, 2006 as well as the art cited. Claims 1-9, 11-12, 14, 16-18, 38-41 and 44-48 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of previously allowed claim 15 including the limitations of intermediate claims 10 and 13. As such claim 1 is allowable. In addition, claims 2-9, 11-12, 14 and 16-18 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and, thus, are allowable for at least the reasons claim 1 is allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 15-18, 38-41 and 44-48 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-9, 11-12, 14, 16-18, 38-41 and 44-48 are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 502432.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 332-4720.

Respectfully submitted,

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